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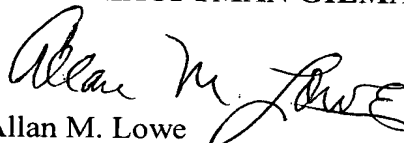
The claims as now presented are the same as the canceled claims in the After Final Rejection of the parent application. Allowance of these claims is in order for the reasons set forth in Remarks submitted on pages 11-16 of the September 22, 2003 Amendment and pages 1-3 of the September 25, 2003 Supplemental Response After Final Rejection in the parent application. Copies of these portions of the Remarks accompany this amendment as Appendices A & B. Appendix C to this amendment includes the evidence submitted with the September 25, 2003 Supplemental Response After Final Rejection.

Entry and allowance are in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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